

Appl. No. 09,300,042
Amdt. dated January 8, 2004
Reply to Office Action of June 27, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

The independent claims have been replaced by new claims that recite an apparel with a display made of a layer of a light emitting polymer and a layer of fabric. Independent claims 60 and 62 has been amended to recite the same structure as well. The advantage of this structure is that the resulting panel is very flexible and can be integrated into a garment or apparel. Support for this structure is found in Fig. 2 and page 4, last full paragraph of the specification.

The Examiner cites Fitch for teaching an apparel with a flexible display. However, Fitch utilizes an LCD screen which is clearly a stiff material when compared to a standard fabric material. Hence the display must be inherently much smaller because, otherwise the apparel is too rigid to wear comfortably and the LCD screen will have a tendency to crack. The Examiner further asserts that Shanks teaches the use of light emitting polymers for displays. However, Shanks discloses only a non-planar credit card sized and types articles. Nowhere does Shanks disclose or suggest a display formed of a layer of fabric and a layer of a light emitting polymer.

Accordingly, there is no suggestion in any of the cited references of such a combination. At most, combining the references suggests to one skilled in the art the substitution of a light emitting polymer instead of an LCD panel.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application as amended hereinabove claims novel and non-obvious subject matter and is in condition for allowance.


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The Commissioner is authorized to use Deposit Account No. 07-1730 for any fees that may be required including fees for extensions. This is a continuing request.

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Respectfully submitted,

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